through the Central Ministries and Departments under various Central and Centrally-Sponsored Schemes.

All the above sources of financing to the States are targeted to achieve their allround balanced economic development and reduction in income inequalities between the States.

News-item, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage"

2623. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage", which appreared in the Indian Express, dated the 28th August, 2002;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a Brahmin priest was forced out of his job and home in Khazane village in goa for performing marriage of a Dalit couple in his temple;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to ascertain the facts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being obtained from the Government of Goa and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation programme for beggars

2624. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action-plan to check begging, particularly begging by children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any rehabilitation programme is there for the beggars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?